

## Declaration and Petition

(X) Original ( ) Supplemental ( ) Substitute ( ) PCT ( ) Design

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPORTING OR SECURING BOARD ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT, the specification of which

(check one) [ ] is attached hereto. [XX] was filed on July 12, 2001 as

Application Serial No. 09/905,570 was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known by me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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### Prior Application(s) In Other Countries

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			[ ] Yes	[ ] No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

### Prior United States Applications

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Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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Sir:

I, Monica Wuerth, the inventor and the owner of all rights in and to the above-identified inventions and application hereby revokes all prior powers and now appoints:

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